GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD OVER BRIDGES (ROBs)
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) under construction for the last three years or more, Zone-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in the construction;

(c) the amount allocated and spent so far for this purpose, project-wise and Zone-wise;

(d) the time by which these Bridges are likely to be completed; and

(e) the details of the approvals given by the Railways during the last three years for construction of road over bridges?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a), (c) & (e): A Statement is attached.

(b) & (d): Construction works of Road over/under bridges is a joint effort between Railways and State Governments. Railways construct bridge proper across the tracks, whereas approaches are constructed by State Government, Public Works Department (PWD).Delay in construction is caused mainly due to:

1. State Government not making available adequate funds through their Annual Budget Plan.
2. Delay in approval of General Arrangement Drawing and Estimates & Plans etc.
3. Delays in Acquisition of land for approaches and removal of encroachments.
4. Delays in relocation of utilities/service roads etc. falling in the alignment.
5. Problems arising due to issues of diversion road location, and local opposition by public, etc.

Hence target for completion of these works depends upon the initiative taken by the State Government in fulfillment of above requisites and also completion of approaches. Railways make all out efforts to complete their portion of work before or simultaneously with the work of approaches to be completed by State Government and arrange to provide requisite funds commensurate with progress.